

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. An electrical terminal, comprising:

a first contact member having an outer pressure contacting end portion for pressure engaging a first electrical device and an enlarged inner end portion;

a second contact member having an outer pressure contacting end portion for pressure engaging a second electrical device and an enlarged inner end portion;

a sleeve including

a through hole for slidably receiving the inner end portions of the first and second contact members,

said through hole having a first open end through which the pressure contacting end portion of the first contact member projects and a second open end through which the pressure contacting end portion of the second contact member projects, and

restricted stop means at the first and second open ends of the through hole for abutting the enlarged inner end portions of the contact members to define outer limit positions of the pressure contacting end portions of the contact members; and

a biasing member in the through hole of the housing to resiliently bias the contact members in opposite directions, the biasing member being in a relaxed condition when the pressure contacting end portions of the contact members are out of pressure engagement with the electrical devices, whereby one of the contact members can be retracted substantially into the through hole to thereby reduce the distance between distal ends of the pressure contacting end portions of the contact members.

2. The electrical terminal of claim 1 wherein said restricted stops comprise inwardly turned flanges of the sleeve at said first and second open ends thereof.

3. The electrical terminal of claim 1 wherein said sleeve includes an inner tube surrounded by an outer tube, with the contact members being reciprocally slidably mounted in opposite ends of the inner tube.

4. The electrical terminal of claim 3 wherein said inner tube is fabricated of conductive material and said outer tube is fabricated of dielectric material.
5. The electrical terminal of claim 3 wherein said restricted stop means at one open end of the sleeve is formed by an inwardly turned flange of the outer tube.
6. The electrical terminal of claim 3 wherein said restricted stop means at one open end of the sleeve is formed by an inwardly turned flange of the inner tube.
7. The electrical terminal of claim 6 wherein said restricted stop means at an opposite open end of the sleeve is formed by an inwardly turned flange of the outer tube.
8. The electrical terminal of claim 7 wherein opposite ends of the inner tube abut against said flanges.
9. The electrical terminal of claim 3 wherein the outer tube of said sleeve includes a positioning recess in an outer surface thereof for positioning the electrical terminal in an appropriate housing.
10. The electrical terminal of claim 1 wherein said biasing member comprises a coil spring having opposite ends engageable with the enlarged inner end portions of the contact members.
11. The electrical terminal of claim 1 wherein the outer pressure contacting end portion of one of said contact members is shorter than the outer pressure contacting end portion of the other contact member.